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## **WOMAN SENTENCED FOR RICHMOND, INDIANA CREDIT UNION EMBEZZLEMENT OF ALMOST \$400,000**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JILL CAREY, 35, Largo, Florida, was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment and ordered to make \$394,941 in restitution today by Chief U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following her guilty plea to embezzlement by a credit union employee. This case was the result of an investigation by Health Care Professionals Credit Union officials and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

CAREY was employed with the Health Care Professionals Credit Union located in Richmond, Indiana, between approximately July 14, 1993 through December 27, 2006. She was one of three people on the management team and was responsible for supervising all the tellers, including the former head teller, Renee Pennington, who was previously sentenced to 12 months imprisonment for embezzling \$185,000 from the credit union

CAREY paid the bills for the credit union including invoices from suppliers, check printing for customers, and health insurance for the employees. She also posted all credit union financial activities like ATM and checking account transactions and had access to the accounts of the credit union. CAREY had codes to the numerous internal business accounts of the credit union. In 1997, CAREY began to embezzle funds by posting fictitious deposits of cash and checks into the personal accounts she controlled. She then withdrew the funds and used them for her own personal use. She was able to cover her tracks for so long because she could post offsetting balance entry amounts which left her embezzling activities undetected by credit union officials. The investigation into CAREY's activities was started because CAREY had altered the loan due date for her personal vehicle loan.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed 5 years supervised release following CAREY's release from imprisonment. During the first 12 months of her period of supervised release, CAREY will be on home confinement allowed out only for work, medical visits, and to go to church. She will be drug tested and required to submit to search and seizure.

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